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SUB: VIOLENCE ERUPTS IN BLACK TOWNSHIPS IN CAPE TOWN

SUMMARY: VIOLENCE ERUPTED IN THREE MAIN BLACK TOWNSHIPS IN CAPE TOWN YESTERDAY (AUGUST 11) AS POLICE CLASHED WITH CROWDS OF ROCK AND BOTTLE-THROWING DEMONSTRATORS. LATEST UNOFFICIAL DEATH TOLL PUT AT 33. AT LEAST 15 BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY FIRE. END SUMMARY.

1. VIOLENCE AND ARSON SPREAD TO BLACK TOWNSHIPS OF LANGA GUGULETU AND NYANGA OUTSIDE CAPE TOWN AUGUST 11. EVENTS WERE PRECIPATED BY HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS GATHERING AT LANGA HIGH SCHOOL YESTERDAY MORNING. AS CROWD SWELLED RIOT POLICE MOVED IN AND FIRED TEAR GAS TO DISPERSE. CROWD BEGAN THROWING STONES AND BOTTLES AT POLICE. THEREAFTER CROWDS BEGAN TO FORM AT LIQUOR STORES, POST OFFICE AND OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS. AT ROADBLOCKS ERECTED AT ENTRANCES TO TOWNSHIP THERE WERE REPEATED TEAR GAS AND ROCK THROWING EXCHANGES BETWEEN POLICE AND CROWDS.

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2. SIMILAR PATTERN OF EVENTS FOLLOWED IN OTHER TWO

TOWNSHIPS. AT GUGULETU HIGH SCHOOL, AS STUDENTS FLED FROM  
TEAR GAS MANY WERE PUT INTO POLICE VANS AND TAKEN TO POLICE  
STATION WHERE THEY WERE HELD FOR SEVERAL HOURS. DETAINEES  
INCLUDED DAUGHTER OF CONGEN EMPLOYEE. BY MIDAFTERNOON,  
CROWD SAID TO NUMBER IN THOUSANDS SURROUNDED POLICE  
STATION DEMANDING RELEASE OF DETAINEES. POLICE OFFICER  
IN CHARGE FINALLY CONSENTED TO RELEASE TO AVOID ATTACK  
ON STATION. BURNING AND STONING OF BUILDINGS AND CARS  
CONTINUED UNTIL LATE INTO THE EVENING. AT LEAST FIFTEEN  
BUILDINGS, INCLUDING A LIBRARY, POST OFFICES, BANTU  
AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION BOARD OFFICE AND SEVERAL LIQUOR  
STORES REPORTEDLY DESTROYED BY FIRE. NO FIGURES AVAILABLE  
YET ON NUMBERS BEING HELD BY POLICE. AS OF "THURSDAY MORNING  
SITUATION WAS DESCRIBED AS QUIET BUT "TENSE" AND POLICE WERE  
SAID TO BE ANTICIPATING FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS  
DURING THE DAY.

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